



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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DAVID ALAN EZRA  
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**Re: Cr. No. 01-00078 DAE  
USA v. Gary W Rodrigues**

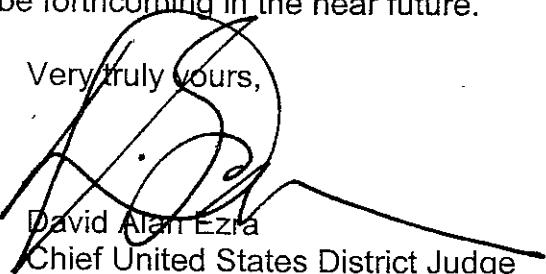
Dear Mr. Seitz:

I am in receipt of your May 12, 2004 letter regarding the resolution of the garnishment issue. Our court owes you, your client, as well as the United States, an apology for the inexcusable delay which resulted from a miscommunication within the Clerk's Office regarding this matter.

Judge Chang was under the impression that I still had the matter and I was under the impression that it was designated to Judge Chang and he was in the process of ruling. As it turned out, my order was never transmitted to Judge Chang. Therefore, it was not Judge Chang's fault that he was not following my order to expedite his ruling.

I can assure you that Judge Chang now has this matter under consideration and an expedited ruling from him to be forthcoming in the near future.

Very truly yours,

  
David Alan Ezra  
Chief United States District Judge

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cc: Magistrate Judge Kevin S.C. Chang  
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**EXHIBIT 4**